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11. The Tegucigalpa-based moderate paper "El Heraldo" published an editorial entitled "Bad Politicians and Underdevelopment" "The partisan manipulation of institutions upon which depends the good management of political, social, and economic issues of a country is, unfortunately, a characteristic of the poorest and most underdeveloped nations of the world. Without a doubt, it is evident that there is a direct link between the method of doing politics and a country's situation."

"While in Honduras, the Public Ministry, one of the pillars of justice, is immersed in a crisis that was created because of the way that its highest authorities were elected. In another Central American poor country, Nicaragua, there is a crisis of colossal proportions which, as the Secretary General of the OAS himself warned, threatens the peace of the country and `the development of its democratic process.'"

"Bolanos' solitude is evident, in spite of the support of the American Embassy. Next week the OAS will try to reverse the failure of its Secretary General that couldn't reestablish the dialogue between the conflicted parts."

"When political parties, such as in Nicaragua or Honduras, are driven by powerful factions that are more interested in the conservation of power than in finding solutions to the problems of the impoverished population, these are the results: acts that threaten institutions, chaos, poverty, and underdevelopment."

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